

WEATHER

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Two Ships Collide On Delaware River

Westerner Is Hired As Twp. Manager

The city manager of Helena, capital of Montana, was appointed township manager for Bristol township last night by the Board of Commissioners.



HENRY ROLFES JR.

Thirty-five-year-old Henry Rolfe, Jr., will assume his new role as administrative head in Bristol township on April 2, at an annual salary of \$12,000.

Mr. Rolfe, whose professional career has been in the western part of the country, was selected from 49 applicants.

His appointment was approved unanimously by the six commissioners attending last night's special meeting.

Toured

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Rolfe visited the township for a personal interview and to tour the area. Two other candidates also visited the township.

According to a statement issued by the commissioners, Helena's population is about half that of Bristol township, but its budget (Continued On Page 3, Col. 4)

Mysterious Phone Calls Seen Solved

Bristol Township
Police Besieged
With 352 Complaints

The mystery of the phone calls that plagued residents of Levittown and Lower Makefield Township was partially solved this morning when it was learned that representatives of the Children's Institute have been making calls in the area.

The Children's Institute is a division of the Grolier Society, publishers of the Book of Knowledge.

Meanwhile, additional complaints from residents flooded various police headquarters throughout Lower Bucks County following the story published in yesterday's Bristol Courier and Levittown Times.

352 Complaints

Patrolman Charles Shaw, Bristol township police radio dispatcher, reported that he took 352 complaints from residents between 4:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Similar reports came from Falls and Middletown townships. Shaw said he stopped counting when the total reached 352 but he added, "They still kept on coming."

Sgt. Bentley Chapin, who was on duty before Shaw, reported he received numerous complaints also. They were still coming in this morning.

The calls resulted from a statement by Lower Makefield Police Chief Robert Waterson that he felt the callers were either "pranks or thieves." But police today discounted this in light of later developments and the number of persons apparently interviewed.

A spokesman for the Grolier company said representatives have been making calls in the (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2)

Blaze Levels Sales Center

A fire of undetermined origin roared for more than five hours this morning, shooting flames over 100 feet into the sky, and wasn't drowned until it had leveled the Yardville, N.J. Sales center and caused damage estimated at more than a half million dollars.

A passing truck driver spotted the blaze along Route 130, near Trenton, and phoned the alarm to Hamilton township fire officials. In all, six volunteer companies from the area responded to the blaze.

The Quonset type building was completely destroyed along with all of the goods in it.

The building is owned by Rocco Marvel of Hamilton township. Fire officials said the building is insured.

Business is operated on a concession basis and damage to goods was figured at more than \$300,000. The building and property destroyed was estimated at \$225,000.



Ripped in two by a violent collision with a Liberian freighter, Elna II, the Navy gasoline tender Mission, was gutted with smoke and flames before sinking in the Delaware river near New Castle, Del. The entire stern of the tender was ripped off when the vessel crashed with the Elna II. Photographer Rudy Mil-

larg, from the Doylestown Intelligencer, sister paper to the Courier and Times, was the only newsman near the stricken ships at the time of the collision. He snapped this picture of the Mission before it went down.

Freighter, Tender Go Up In Flames

Sunken Craft
Blocks Shipping
Channel To Bucks

NEW CASTLE, Del. — UP — A U.S. Navy gasoline tender and a Liberian freighter collided at "The Graveyard of Ships" on the Delaware River today. Both ships immediately burst into flames with a terrific explosion.

Five hours later the tender Mission of San Francisco sank, blocking the main ship channel to Wilmington, Del., and Philadelphia. The freighter Elna II blazed for hours before the flames were brought under control by Coast Guard vessels and a Philadelphia fire boat. At 10:30 a.m. the Coast Guard reported that two-thirds of the channel had been cleared and ships were passing through one at a time "with caution."

The Coast Guard reported 59 survivors and listed an estimated nine missing, all of them from the Mission of San Francisco. The Mission carried 45 men and the Elna 23. Among the missing was the Mission's captain, William Allen of Houston, Tex.

The Mission did not carry a pilot because Allen was licensed for the Delaware River.

Explode On Impact

Both vessels exploded in a sheet of flame upon impact, rocking homes on both sides of the river and awakening persons in nearby Maryland.

The Mission was nearly cut in two by the impact. The missing men, all of them believed to be ship's officers, were asleep in the general area of the point of impact. The Mission is Navy-owned but operated by a civilian tanker corporation, and is manned by civilian merchant marine seamen.

Although the Coast Guard would not confirm that any of the missing were dead, Eugene McKenna, 33, Providence, R.I. said "everybody in the middle of the ship must have been killed."

William Bausch, of Miami, Fla., first assistant engineer of the Mission, said he was aroused from (Continued on Page 3, Col. 3)

Inside Today Warriors Go Tonight

Lower Bucks hopes ride with Bristol High. The Warriors are the only area team in the state playoffs as they defend their Class 'B' District I title. Page 16

Crazy Hats

Crazy hats were the theme of a contest sponsored by the Pennell Missionary society. Courier and Times photos show some of the variations. Page 11

Complete Listing

Plan a full evening of enjoyment through TV programs. The Courier and Times carry a complete listing of New York, Philadelphia, and other channels. Page 34

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Ike May Slow Up Federal Spending To Cut Budget

WASHINGTON (UP)—President Eisenhower said today it might be necessary to slow up federal spending on some projects in order to relieve inflationary pressures.

In his first news conference since Feb. 6, Mr. Eisenhower said he has ordered an intensive review of the budget to determine whether spending for certain projects could be slowed down to achieve a budget cut for fiscal 1958.

He did not identify the projects. His budget for fiscal 1958 calls for spending \$71.8 billion.

Mr. Eisenhower said he did not anticipate being able to make any substantial cut which would cause material reduction of federal services or in any way affect the defense and national security of the nation.

Has Hearing Trouble

Mr. Eisenhower, coughing repeatedly, told reporters in his first meeting with them in a month that he was suffering today from a temporary difficulty with his hearing.

Frequently during the conference he asked reporters to speak louder and more distinctly.

He said he is feeling well and that actually his cough, which has hung on since inauguration, is better. But he said he now has developed a cold in the head which has affected his hearing.

He had plugs of cotton or gauze (Continued on Page 3, Col. 3)

Senate Group Hears of Bribe

WASHINGTON UP—Senate investigators were told today that a Portland, Ore., gambler gave a \$500 pay off to sheriff-now Mayor Terry D. Schunk. They slapped an immediate contempt citation on the gambler for refusing to testify on the incident.

In rapid-fire developments before the special committee investigating labor-management racketeering:

—Self-confessed racketeer James B. Elkins testified that Clifford O. (Jimmy) Bennett, his partner in Portland's 8212 Club, reported that he made the \$500 payment to Schunk when the sheriff threatened to arrest all club customers on a raid.

—Bennett, in one of the most stubborn refusals seen recently before a congressional committee, refused to answer all questions about the incident. Resolving it, self into an immediate open-door "executive" session, the committee voted to cite him for contempt of Congress by a 5 to 0 roll call vote.

Planners Elect Happ As Chairman

County Group
Hears Reports On
Staff Activities

Charles J. Happ, of Doylestown was reelected chairman of the Bucks County Planning Commission at its monthly meeting Tuesday.

Also reelected were Howard M. Barnes, Doylestown banker, as vice-chairman, and Mrs. Elinore R. Ridge, Lower Makefield, secretary.

A progress report of staff activities was presented by Franklin C. Wood, executive director, and staff members. The school census department supervisor, D. Russell Friend, pointed out the department has been operating since July. It was initiated at the request of school administrators to obtain up-to-date school census data on a continuing basis. In commenting on the cost, Mr. Friend stated, "Over a three year period it is anticipated that this new system will enable the school districts to save from one-third to 50 per cent of their previous census costs and to have more accurate and complete statistics than ever before."

The census records are checked on a continuing basis against voter registration lists, birth certificates, school enrollment lists, and newspaper reports. In addition, a field enumeration of population will be taken in each district every three years. The new (Continued on Page 3, Col. 7)

Boro Police Foil Stainless STEAL

The sagging rear of a new car yesterday led police to the discovery of some 50 stainless steel sheets stolen from Plant 1 of Kaiser Metal Products, Inc., in Bristol yesterday.

Two Bristol township police officers of the criminal investigation division found the metal plates, 30 by 30 inches, when they stopped the low-slung car, driven by Louis R. Valenti, 20, of 412 Logan street, Bristol, shortly after 11 a.m. Detective Vincent Faragalli of Bristol borough police said the metal was removed from the Kaiser plant by William Bav-

vier, 31, of 1352 School lane, Cornwells Heights, a truck driver for the firm for the last four years. Both men were in the borough jail this morning, charged with larceny, stolen goods and conspiracy. They will appear before Justice of the Peace Eugene Spadaccino tonight.

At first Bavier said he had bought the metal in Philadelphia, and was taking it to sell. But a check of the heat numbers on the metal indicated it had been purchased by the Kaiser firm. Further questioning by Detective Faragalli brought the following story: Bavier met Valenti on Mill

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21 of 54

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are subject to a fine of \$5 a day for every day after deadline that they are late. Special extensions are sometimes granted by the state.

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Good Evening!

Daffodils and forsythia neck-and-neck.

Whatever the outcome of this very pleasant race, a bit of bright yellow will be welcome augury.

Time for Attorney General McBride to show some respect for propriety and justice by stepping aside in the current legislative investigation of the Darcy case and the state Pardons Board.

His attempts to wreck this very important and much needed inquiry as much of an insult to the people of Pennsylvania as were the Darcy sentence commutation and other decisions of the Pardons Board itself.

Maybe here's another instance where Governor Leader might move in with an example of his more recently expressed desire for decent government for the great Keystone state.

And Bristol township commissioners hire a township manager at \$12,000 a year effective April 22.

We don't know but what it isn't a mighty wise move. Now what they'll have to do is to give the man carte blanche when it comes to administering. If he's to be merely an office boy and front man, it's \$12,000 tossed down the rat-hole.

U. N. moves into Gaza as the Israelis pull out and Ben Gurion's decision upheld by his own parliament.

It could be a significant step toward ultimate settlement of a few of the Mideast brain-teasers.

Customer to printer: "You promised to have my work done yesterday. But you haven't even touched it."

Printer: "My dear sir—we have been so busy in this office that you ought to be very, very thankful that we took the time even to make you a promise."

Have you ever had it so good? And had it taken away from you so cockeyed fast?

Go easy—with the driving.

SEE
BEN BOROWSKY'S
Report From Florida
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4 Twps. Miss Audit Deadline

By JAMES MCGONIGLE
Courier and Times Staff Writer

Four Lower Bucks County townships and their auditors have failed to file annual audits by the March 1 deadline, as required by state law, it was learned today.

The audits must be filed in

the clerk of Quarter Sessions office, but a check there revealed that the auditors, apparently following the example of seven local tax collectors, have failed to file.

The townships are Bensalem (which was seven months late in filing its 1955 audit), Bristol, Middletown and Upper Southampton.

Tax collectors who missed the March 1 deadline are Mrs. Julia M. Hilsbos, Bensalem; William I. Gaston, Langhorne; Ida J. Damerau, Langhorne Manor; Harry Christ, Morrisville; Garrett P. Goodnoe, Newtown township; Arthur F. Leigh, Tullytown, and Ralph White, Upper Southampton.

Five of the seven collectors

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Some Bill Collectors And Constables Victimize Public

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of three articles.
By GORDON PARKER
Some unscrupulous bill collectors and constables have been victimizing Lower Bucks residents who have run into financial difficulties and fallen behind in their bills.
This series of stories is not to forgive the people who don't pay their bills or to disparage the honest and ethical credit men. Rather it is to point out some of the abuses of a few of the fringe who take unfair advantage of unsuspecting families.
In some cases residents have been illegally threatened and coerced because they don't know their rights.
In other cases the collectors are open to violation on criminal charges because of their methods. This was revealed today by Justice of the Peace Earl B. Dougherty.
He said it is against the law to use threats to force payments of debts. In addition, Mr. Dougherty added that most of the times when a car is repossessed it is done illegally.
He added there are definite legal procedures to collect money owed to you or to recover your property. But, he said, many collectors and finance companies find it easier to frighten people than to obtain the necessary court order.
A case was cited where a bill collector visited a Levittown housewife recently and demanded payment of a debt. The woman said she could not pay them.
Infuriated, the collector, working for a finance company, said she had better pay by Friday or else he would return with a truck and take all her furniture and possessions.
The woman became nearly hysterical and took what money she had to buy food in an effort to satisfy the collector. He took the money but said he would still "be back with the truck."
The woman was so upset that her husband had to miss a day's work to take care of her.
Mr. Dougherty pointed out that the collector had no right to make the threat and that the woman could file charges against him. In addition, he said, he could not carry out the threat as only a constable or sheriff could seize property for payment of a debt and they need a court order.
Mr. Dougherty said that this collector and others like him should be arrested and prosecuted.

70 Firemen Finish School

Seventy firemen from Levittown Fire Company No. 2 and Third District Fire company, Bristol township, received certificates last night upon completion of a Pennsylvania State Fire School. The school was conducted at Croydon Fire house.
Third District graduates include: Bernard Amadio, Louis Amadio, Edwin J. Brennen, Howard Cade, Stacy Childs, Edward Cieniawa, Elmer Clausen, Robert Cosner, Carl D'Emidio, Joseph D'Emidio, Joseph Fuhs, Walter Garretson, Edward Haleman, Lawrence Hall, Melvin Houser.
Fred Kutzer, George Licause, Edwin Martin, Jack Morrel, Dolores Nives, William Nives, Randolph Phillips, Frank Rago, Henry Roberts, Elmer Seip, Nicholas Spano, Rowland Smith, Tom Soubly, Michael Valerio, and Peter Valerio.
Levittown No. 2 graduates include: Leonard Alliprandini, Nicholas Baione, Joseph Cissorski, Albert Con, Charles Curry, Raymond Davis, Edgar Deal, Robert Edwards, Joseph Forstrom, Anthony Gallo, Michael Graziano, C. E. Hipps, Wilford Hudson, Richard Knorr.
Frederick Kurz, Vincent Latronica, Clarence Laushell, John Lewin, George Macnamee, Richard Moore, Alfred Nacarato, John Owen, Arthur Racheld, Leon Reese, Michael Ribarschik, John Robinson, George Rodgers, Philip Rohmer, Howard Rutherford, Eugene Sherwin, Bayard Sipple, Martin Smith, Edward Smith, Fred Spalinski, Peter Springart, John Stuhltrager, Erwin Toole, John Winters, John Wright, and Oren Yoder.

Solicitor Not Aiding Hospital

Lower Bucks County Hospital officials today denied having any connection with a woman soliciting subscriptions for a Philadelphia newspaper and national magazines.
The woman, who claimed she represented the hospital auxiliary, was selling the subscriptions by phone.

Death Notices

GANTZ — entered into rest in Mercer Hospital, Trenton, N. J. on Tuesday, March 5, 1957. Mildred Gantz (nee Wood) wife of Charles J. Gantz of 308 Magnolia Rd., Bristol Terrace No. 2, Bristol, Pa. age 57 years. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral from the J. Allen Hooper Funeral Chapel, 45 N. Penna. Ave., Morrisville, Pa. on Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St. Mark's R.C. Church of Bristol, Pa. 10 o'clock. Interment at Holy Trinity Cemetery, Yardley, Pa. Friends may call at the Chapel on Thursday from 7 to 9 o'clock.
STIER — Martha, of 247 Cedar St., Bristol, died Wednesday morning in Lower Bucks County Hospital. Miss Stier was born in Locust Gap, Pa. and resided in Bristol for the past 11 years. She was a school teacher by profession and taught in local schools. Solemn Requiem Mass 10 A.M., Saturday morning, Interment St. Joseph, Locust Gap, Pa. Funeral arrangements under direction of Murphy's Funeral Home, Bristol.

Carpenters

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The spokesman in Washington gave the contract to the carpenters and the reversal of the contract to the iron workers is in violation to the dictates of the committee.
M. A. Hutcheson, general president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, AFL, telegraphed the local union and advised the shutdown until the original contract is re-assigned.

Bristol Township Launches Protest On Borough's Leasing Of Land Tract

Notes Traffic Problem At Routes 413-13

Bristol Township board of Commissioners last night lodged an official protest to Bristol Borough's leasing of land at Route 13 and 413 for a drive-in movie.
The land is owned by the borough and within the borough's boundaries, but land on three sides of it is in the Township.
Borough council greed to lease the 20-acre plot of ground to the Eric corporation of America for \$7000 a year. The firm announced it would construct a drive-in and a regular theater on the site.
Last night the Board of Commissioners on a motion by Harold Lefcourt objected. Lefcourt listed several reasons for the protest.
First he said a drive-in would worsen an already serious traffic problem at the intersection. Also, he said the township was working on new plans for a traffic pattern, which would alleviate present conditions at the intersection. But, he pointed out, the plan would require use of land the borough had leased.
Lefcourt also pointed out that Carl Wild, in his report on development for Bristol Township recommended the site be reserved for recreation or a park area.
Commissioner Eugene Kehoe added that the drive-in would be a nuisance to township residents who live adjacent to the site.

Shoplifter Nabbed In Levittown



(Courier and Times Photo)
Mrs. Walter Blondell, 56, of Wycombe, who was arrested in Pomeroy's department store, Levittown, yesterday on shoplifting charges peers at the camera while JP Earl B. Dougherty examines costume jewelry found in her possession. The stolen loot totaled \$13.94. She was released after making restitution of \$13.94 plus a \$100 penalty to the store and payment of \$15 in court costs.

Middle East Plan Set For Final Ok

WASHINGTON (UP)—The House met early today to stamp final congressional approval on President Eisenhower's "tight - if - we must" Middle East resolution.
But with overwhelming House support assured, some Democrats called for the administration to produce a positive, long-range policy to deal with the vital Middle East area. This, they said, the "stop-gap" resolution does not do.
House leaders predicted passage of the Senate version of the Middle East resolution by a margin of about 360 to 60 — a six to one ratio.
President Accepts Changes
The Senate resolution declares the United States "is prepared to use armed forces" to resist any Communist aggression in the Middle East provided the country attacked seeks American aid. It also authorizes the President to spend up to \$200 million of already appropriated funds as he sees fit to bolster Middle East economies and military forces.
Originally Mr. Eisenhower asked for specific "authority" to use this country's armed forces against any Mideast Communist aggression. The House voted such a resolution, but the Senate changed the language to a declaration of national purpose.
Mr. Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles agreed to accept the changes and asked the House to adopt the Senate resolution promptly to avoid further delay.

Five Bucks Youths Held In Burglary

By LEE CARL
Courier and Times Staff Writer
Five Lower Bucks County youths are in Bucks County prison today in the wake of a daring Feasterville burglary, a fight with a waiting mill owner's son, a flight through windows, and a spectacular roundup by police.
Edward Kelly, 20, of Churchville road, Feasterville; Ralph Siner, 20, of 41 Woodland avenue, Pennell; David Cox, 23, an AWOL paratrooper, of Bustleton pike near Street road, Feasterville; and two Lower Southampton juveniles, ages 16 and 17, are held for allegedly breaking into the Churchville Hosiery Mill, Churchville road, Feasterville.
Yesterday and the preceding night police apprehended all five suspects. The roundup came after Arthur Heine, owner of the mill, surprised three of the raiders as they entered the mill. He was waiting for them because of previous burglaries at the plant.
Heine wrestled with Cox as Kelly and Siner fled through windows. Minutes thereafter, Cox also jumped, according to police. The burglars had been brought to the mill in a car driven by the 16-year-old, who was supposed to return and pick them up, explained Chief Edward Wunsch of Lower Southampton police.
A chase began immediately, and Lower Southampton police were joined in their efforts by Pennell, Middletown and Upper Southampton police.
Sgt. John Wagner and Patrol-

Board Votes Stop Work On Housing Job

The Bristol Township Board of Commissioners last night voted to issue a stop work order on the Laurel Bend housing development unless the builders start laying a storm drainage pipe along Bath road, as promised within a week.
Eugene Kehoe, chairman of the township highway committee, said the township has gotten nothing but promises and excuses since the builders agreed last July to lay the pipe.
Open Ditch
"I have been in constant contact with these men and yet nothing has been done. We should force action on this pipe. The open ditch is a serious hazard to motorists and neighbor children," Kehoe said.
He added the pipe for the 700-foot ditch is available at the U.S. Concrete plant, Croydon, and that the builders could start work when ever they want to.
The builders agreed to lay the pipe at the time the commissioners approved plans for development of the last section of Laurel Bend.

Thomas F. Coman, board secretary, said Bertram Rudy, a member of the building firm, told him that the state was now willing to install the pipe.
According to Coman, Rudy said the state plans to widen Bath road and wants to install man holes and culverts on the pipe.
But Coman said Rudy added it would probably take another month of waiting for the state to do the job.
In other business, the board adopted its 1957 budget calling for expenditures of \$746,594 and a net increase of two-million on real estate. The budget was presented last month.
The commissioners voted to ask the Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal authority to install fire hydrants near the Immaculate Conception church, on Bristol-Emille road, and near the site for the new home of Levittown Fire Company Number Two. The commissioners also asked the authority to reevaluate the Emille-Five Points intersection. It was pointed out that there is not one hydrant in the area despite the fact it is developing into a commercial center.
In other business the Commissioners went on record as being "sympathetic" to the fund raising drive of the Levittown Library. They indicated they probably would make some contribution to the drive if they had the money and if it was legally possible.
The action came on request of Commissioner Harold Lefcourt. He presented a letter from the Library group which stated they expected to spend between \$10,000 and \$12,000 a year in maintaining their proposed new building and for other expenses. This would be in addition to buying new books the letter said.

Births LOWER BUCKS HOSPITAL

- MARCH 5
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Boyd, 61 Vivideal lane, Levittown, girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wishtish, 25 Matthew drive, Hamilton Square, N. J., girl.
MARCH 6
Mr. and Mrs. George Skoda, 116 Golden Gate road, Levittown, boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rosso, 11 Myrtle lane, Levittown, girl.
Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy, 608 Patterson avenue, Croydon, boy.
Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, 2611 Woodlawn avenue, Levittown, girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin, 68 Aster lane, Levittown, girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Larson, Sycamore Gardens, Bristol, boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Neil Henderson, 185 Goldenridge drive, Levittown, boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harman, 3319 Dixon avenue, Bristol, boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Grauvauer, 1716 Street road, Eddington, girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Francis Dougherty, 56 Gable Hill road, Levittown, girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Davis, 12 Crest avenue, Bristol, boy.
Mr. and Mrs. James Buccell, Madison avenue, Pennell, girl.

News Tip Call May Mean \$5.00
If you've got a keen sense for news, it could mean extra bucks for you. Whatever the news tip might be, just phone the News Tip Editor, Courier and Times, Wndor 5-1000 or Stillwell 8-3235. For the best tip of the week, the Courier and Times will pay \$5.00.

Bristol Twp.

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is higher, running slightly over one million dollars.
In nearly four years as manager, Mr. Rolfe expanded Helena's water supply, centralized purchasing and budget control, completed five paving and sanitary sewer projects, modernized the town's equipment fleet, and reorganized its administrative departments.
Similar Problems
The commissioners also pointed out Helena has problems similar to those in the township. They named drainage as the main trouble in both areas.
Prior to directing affairs in Helena, Mr. Rolfe was manager for three years in Sterling, Colo., a community of 10,000. At Sterling, he supervised 90 full-time municipal employees.
Background
From 1948 to 1950 he was manager of Golden, Colo., a town of 7000 with 35 employees. Before then, he directed municipal affairs for the small town of Sylvan Lake, Mich.
The commissioners reported one of the major reasons they selected him was that he was the first manager to serve in each of the four cities whose municipal affairs he directed.
They said they wanted someone with experience in starting from "scratch" and setting up a new, efficient administrative system.
Another factor which impressed the commissioners was his personality. The commissioners reported he appeared relaxed, friendly, and easy-going.
First For Twp.
He will be "Bristol township's first manager, under an ordinance adopted last year. The ordinance tending township affairs and makes him head of all departments under the Board of Commissioners. He will have power to hire and fire all employees not covered by civil service.
In addition, he will be responsible for preparing the annual budget and operating under it. Bristol township is the fourth municipality in the county to adopt the manager form of government. Quakertown in Upper Bucks was the first. In Lower Bucks, Middletown and Lower Southampton townships also have managers.

Federal

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in each ear and his voice had a husky tone.
He said that, in view of the Middle East situation and the absence from the country of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Vice President Richard M. Nixon, it would be awkward for him to go to Arizona now in an effort to lick his cough and cold.
Other news highlights at the conference:
—He does not think there can be any substantial cuts in foreign aid. His budget for fiscal 1958 calls for \$4.4 billion.
—He confirmed that he told King Saud of Saudi Arabia recently that Israel is here to stay as a nation. He said he has been consistent for years in his position that Israel is a historical fact and its problems must be dealt with like those of any other nation.
—He said the United States is prepared to use the Gulf of Aqaba and its gateway—the Straits of Tiran—as an open international waterway.
—He said the Middle East outlook is brighter, but there are still many problems which can come up.
—He said solution of preliminary phases of the difficulties between Egypt and Israel does not solve the underlying differences. The United Nations should direct its efforts toward these basic difficulties.
—There is no prospective federal vacancy in sight for Leonard W. Hall, former Republican national chairman. Mr. Eisenhower said that if he had a suitable post, no doubt Hall's name would come to mind. But there is nothing in the works at the present.

Falls Demos Pick O'Brien

John E. O'Brien, 22 Easter lane, Elderberry, Levittown, was appointed Democratic registration chairman for Falls township at an executive board meeting last night of the township Democratic organization.
In accepting the appointment, O'Brien said, "It is our goal to register as many new Democrats as possible in an attempt to eliminate the small difference in registration in the township."
Currently the Republican figure tops the Democratic registration by some 500 persons.
Traveling registrars will sit in the Fallsington Elementary school March 13 and at the Union Supply Company in the Fairless Hills Shopping center March 14.



Levittowners have been well represented on television recently.
Robert Hagood, 68 Pleasant lane, Pinewood, returned home with a wrist watch last Monday following his appearance on the program, "Tic-Tac-Dough."
Joe Scotti, 62 Pine Needle road, Plumbridge, appeared on Channel 12 today. Joe is a featured singer at many of the leading night clubs in the area.
Seven members of the Levittown Garden Club will be seen tomorrow on the Channel 12 program, "Afternoon." They will relate the club's projects and how they were organized. They will appear on the 1 to 2 o'clock segment of the show.
Woman's Auxiliary of the West Levittown Sports Association will sponsor a series of benefit movies at the Towne Theatre March 13 to 22. Members of the club are selling tickets with one-third of the proceeds going to the Little League's of the association.

Leader Can't Recall Talk

HARRISBURG (UP) — Gov. George M. Leader said today he could not recall attempting to obtain public reaction before granting clemency to former Mayor Thomas W. Flatley of Erie, convicted in the Erie Bribe scandal of 1954.
"I can't recall discussing the matter with Mayor Gardner," the governor said at his news conference. He was referring to Mayor Arthur Gardner of Erie.
The governor also said he has reached no decision on whether he will appear voluntarily before a special legislative committee investigating the state Pardons Board.
Testimony concerning Leader and Mayor Gardner was given by Harold J. Sullivan, former executive editor of the Erie Times before the committee recessed its public hearings until next Wednesday.
In Erie, Mayor Gardner denied he had ever spoken to the governor about granting clemency to Flatley.

Registration Begins Today

New voters of Bucks county and old voters changing districts and party affiliations began registering this afternoon to qualify to vote in the May 21 primary elections.
Eight traveling registrars, the full staff from the Bucks county registration office, were stationed in Pomeroy's Department store, Levittown, to receive the new voters until 8:30 o'clock tonight.
Tomorrow from 2 to 9 p.m. the registrars will be at two Bensalem township locations, Eddington Fire hall and King Hall, Andalusia.

DEATH RATE

During World War II, 2,000,000 persons died of cardiovascular diseases in the United States. This is approximately eight times as many deaths as the American forces sustained during the four years of that war.

Four Audits Not Filed By Deadline

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prison sentence or a fine ranging up to \$500.

State law requires that all tax collectors must file annual reports on the total collected, commissions and expenses with the Department of Internal Affairs, Harrisburg, and with the clerk of Quarter Sessions of their home counties on or before March 1 of each year.

Every tax collector in Lower Bucks usually files with the state by deadline, but until last year, many ignored filing with the county.

Only Buckingham township failed to file a tax collector report last year with the county.

Too Sick To Take

Falls township's collector, Lloyd W. Vandenberg, filed on time this year.

Vandenberg filed his 1955 report late yesterday afternoon, almost a year behind schedule.

Five of the seven local collectors who missed deadline this year have either filed since March 1 or will file shortly.

Gaston filed yesterday with the county, Leigh's report is in the mail, and Mrs. Hilsbos, Christ and Goodnoe said they will submit theirs to the county within a week.

Newly Appointed

The two others, Miss Damerou, of Langhorne Manor, and Ralph White, Upper Southampton, were only recently appointed as tax collectors. Miss Damerou replaced Frances Hiller and White replaced George Robinson in January.

Miss Damerou's father said she is still waiting for the former collector to turn over her books.

This year was the first time Gaston was late in filing, and Leigh and Christ's reports were late more or less through oversight.

Leigh explained that his has been completed since Feb. 1 but he never mailed it to Doylestown. He said he'd mail it immediately. Christ's secretary said she thought the reports didn't have to go to the county until March 31 and said it was an oversight which caused the late filing.

Walter Hilsbos, who said his wife will file shortly (her report and the others have already been sent to the state), explained he didn't know there was a

deadline for filing with the county.

Goodnoe, too, said he didn't know there was a county deadline and said his report will be filed in Quarter Sessions within a week.

In all, 22 of the county's 54 collectors were late in filing this year.

Misdemeanor

Failure to file on time is a misdemeanor, and questioned as to who enforces the law, District Attorney Donald W. Van Artsdalen explained that the state usually brings charges, if any, in cases like this.

VanArtsdalen said, however, that anyone may prosecute by filing a criminal information before a justice of the peace. He said his office would handle the matter the same as any other criminal prosecution.

Tax collectors in the county who have ignored the law for filing on time over the past 15 years have never been jailed or fined for doing so, and it wasn't until last year that a strong effort was made to have collectors file with the county.

Public May Inspect

The collectors' reports are subject to public inspection.

Vandenberg topped the amount collected in 1956, but his commission was less than that of Robert Cameron, Bristol township.

The Falls township collector brought in \$2,730,366, but was commissioned \$24,114. Expenses were \$7,255, netting him \$16,859.

Commissions to Cameron amounted to \$53,929 in 1956, and he netted \$20,778 after expenses. Mrs. Hilsbos, in Bensalem, collected one of the lowest net commissions in Lower Bucks.

She got commissions of \$18,964.69 in 1956 from a total tax collection of \$1,040,103.22, but \$12,812.66 of her commissions went for expenses to four year-round clerks, office rent, mailing and other miscellaneous items.

Her net income was slightly more than \$6,000 or \$1000 more than her previous year's net.

\$10,000 Average

Bensalem has 18,469 taxables, approximately the same as several other Lower Bucks communities.

However, the average net commission among Lower Bucks collectors who have filed is about \$10,000.

Israel Gives Authority In Gaza Strip To UN

Israel announced today it had surrendered authority in the Gaza Strip to the United Nations despite a growing threat that Egypt would demand control of the area.

Jerusalem Radio broadcast proclamation by Col. Matityahu Peled, commander of Israeli forces in the Gaza Zone, turning over control to a UN police force in the first such action in history.

The bulk of the Israeli forces withdrew before dawn and only a handful of liaison troops remained to complete the last details. They are to be out before sundown.

In Cairo the semi-official Middle East news agency quoted a UN official as saying UN forces would take over administrative control of civilian agencies in the Gaza Strip at 7 p.m. (noon EST).

Evacuation of Sharm El Sheikh on the Gulf of Aqaba is set for Friday.

The Israeli proclamation appealed to the 360,000 inhabitants of the Gaza Strip — 200,000 of them refugees from Palestine — to remain calm and keep public order.

The proclamation said Israel had relinquished responsibility to the UNEF "alone" and it said UN forces would keep order and organize a civil administration "with the purpose of ensuring peace or a final settlement" for the Gaza Strip.

Officials in Gaza were discussing the formation of an international regime for Gaza.

U.N. and Israeli officers were meeting today in Lydda, Israel, to discuss an economic "link" with Israel. The U.N. wanted rail connections with Haifa to handle refugees and supplies.

A Jerusalem broadcast heard in London said four civilians, including two Americans, had arrived in Gaza with the U.N. forces to work in the Gaza city administration. It mentioned no names.

The Israelis gave the U.N. custody Wednesday night of 300 Fedayeen commandos they had captured. There was no indication what the U.N. would do with them.

The proclamation was a reaffirmation of Israel's announcement to the world it was pulling out of the 25 by 5 mile strip in

Police Investigate Hit-Run Crash

Falls Township Police today are investigating a hit-run accident in Levittown.

Paul B. Koch, 37 Pleasant lane, Pinewood, told police he parked his automobile in front of his home at 8:20 a.m. yesterday. At 7:30 p.m. he discovered the right front fender had been damaged.

Levittown Club To Hold Cha-lypso

The Indian Creek Teenage Dance club will sponsor Levittown's first cha-lypso contest tomorrow from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Edgely Fire house.

Director Ed Loewe said prizes will be given to the best boy-girl partners and the best girl team.

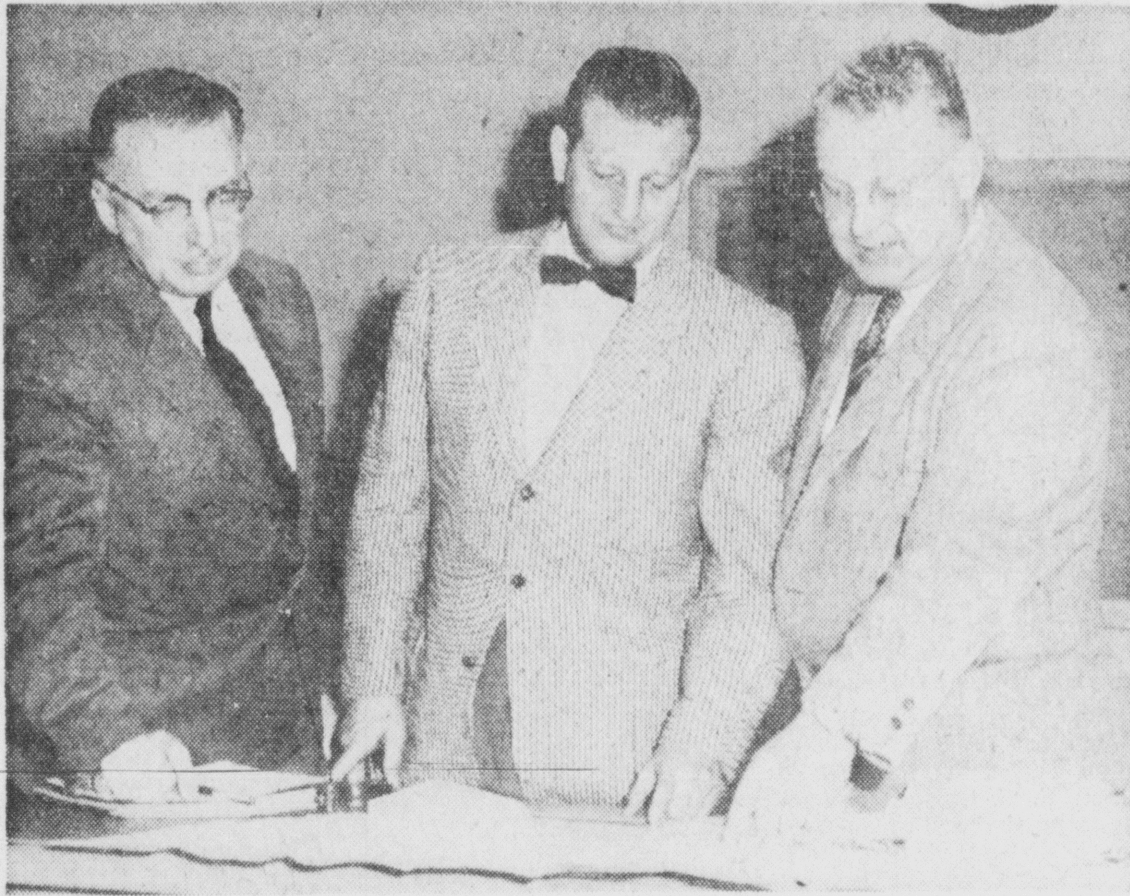
Members with yellow membership cards will be admitted, Mr. Loewe said. Cards are available at the door, he said.

DON'T CHANGE ME

Outstanding feature about the Cabinet during President Pierce's administration was that it remained unchanged throughout the administration.

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Association Studies Bridge



Officers of the Makefield Civic association study plans for the proposed new Yardley bridge which might cross through Lower Makefield. From left, Charles J. Burch, secretary; Ross W. Bennington, vice president; and Henry Hoffmeister, president.

Council to Work On Boro Budgets Tomorrow Night

The Morrisville Borough Council will lay aside the boiling question of the Washington street extension plan long enough to attempt to finalize the borough budget tomorrow night.

Two committee budgets, street and police, have not yet been accepted by the council. All other committee budgets have received tentative approval.

Deadline Nears

Time for acceptance for the budget is pressing closer because a deadline for filing the budget with the State must be met in order for the borough to receive State aid.

It was indicated Council will make all attempts at reaching full agreement on the budget at this session due to the time pressure element.

A representative of the Philadelphia Electric company will be present at the meeting to present

results of a survey made to determine the existing conditions of street lights in the borough.

The electric company man will tell council of the street-light situation in the borough, including the present set up and whether new lights will be needed in the future.

A meeting of the street committee will be held prior to the special Council session. The representative will also attend the Council meeting in case his advice is needed to help formalize the street budget.

The meeting is set for the borough hall on Washington street at 8 p.m.

Water Tie-In Due At School

Morrisville public works superintendent Walter Neuman announced construction will begin today on tieing in the Grandview elementary school to the borough water line.

A four inch tap will be placed along side the six inch main line which will supply water to the new school.

Construction on the school has been progressing for several weeks and it is expected to be completed in time for the opening of school in September.

Mr. Neuman said a water line is being extended to the Fallington Motors company in Falls township along West Trenton avenue.

The company is not in the borough of Morrisville but Morrisville has a franchise to supply water to certain areas outside of the borough.

The borough line ends on the side of the street opposite to the automobile company.

Middletown OKs Budget

Middletown Township's record budget for 1957 became official last night with the supervisors' final approval.

The budget calls for expenditures of \$293,093, but at the same time taxes are decreased slightly. The tax decrease comes from the elimination of the township occupational tax. The budget was aired publicly last month.

The supervisors also agreed to set up an escrow account to pay for the construction of the bridge over Queen Anne's creek between Cobalt Ridge and Quincy Hollow, Levittown.

Charles J. Tellow, president of the township school board, said he felt the board would be ready to contribute its share of the cost at its next meeting.

Joseph O. Canby, chairman of the supervisors, said the school board's money would be put in escrow along with money from the township to pay for the construction as it proceeds.

Each of the bodies and the county commissioners have agreed to put in \$7000 for the bridge.

Committee Sets Budget Meeting

The finance committee of Morrisville Borough Council will meet tonight in preparation for tomorrow's special budget meeting of council.

Finance committee members are Nicholas Misan, Charles Elcock, Edward Mannix, and John Sawyer.

Players Trap 'Bachelor' For Anniversary

By BILL WINTERS
Courier and Times Staff Writer

When an anniversary is mentioned usually the date of wedding bells and flowers comes to mind but it's the "old bachelor" all the way as the Langhorne Players celebrate their 10th anniversary with a superlative production of "The Tender Trap."

Charles Fisher turns in a sterling performance in the commanding role of bachelor Charlie Reader being pursued by a bevy of New York's stunning females.

The shenanigans are carried on in a modern Manhattan apartment. Excellent set construction and lighting abet the players' performance.

First-Class Theater

The sum total is first class theater; a laudable reflection of the ten years of endeavor of the Players.

Leading the parade of women eyeing eligible Charlie are Mary Fisher as Sylvia Crewes, the 33-year-old career girl who plays her role of watching "the last boat go out" with fine restraint and Berith Simons as Julie Gillis, the gal who knew what she wanted with no compromises.

Ned Ebert gives an excellent portrayal in the difficult role of bachelor Charlie's life-long friend preaching morality while his own morals nose-dive.

Laugh-Loaded

Adding to the action in the laugh-loaded comedy are Alvice Balavage (Poppy Matson), Barbara Waters (Jessica Collins), Jack Garroway (Earl Linquist) and Ed Macoon (Sol Schwartz).

Last night's performance was for the benefit of the Neshaminy Unit of the Lower Bucks hospital.

The play will be presented again tonight, tomorrow and Saturday nights at 8:30 o'clock at the Players barn, Bridgetown pike, Langhorne.

Puppets Are Used In School Class

Students in the Manor Park Elementary school in Morrisville have been using hand operated puppets in school language units.

The sixth grade class of the school under the direction of Marvin Levitt, art supervisor and Mrs. Rosanna Creary, teacher has been using the puppets for several weeks.

The students performed a puppet show of "The Story of Peer Gynt" at the weekly assembly program.

Legion Post 834 To Begin Drive

The American Legion Auxiliary of Falls township Post 834 will begin a membership drive tonight with plans being made at a meeting at the post home, Yardley avenue, Fallsington.

The president of the group, Mrs. Edward Foersch, announced the group is open to all wives of Legionnaires and interested women may call Mrs. Foersch or attend tonight's meeting.

Pennsbury Sets 'Student Prince'

The Pennsbury High school auditorium will be the scene of the second annual Pennsbury Education association theatrical presentation May 1-4.

The group will present "The Student Prince" for the benefit of the student scholarship fund. Rehearsals for the play are held every Wednesday night at the high school from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Recreation Program Set For Spring

The Lower Makefield-Yardley recreation board announced its program for the coming spring season today.

Highlight of the program is a hunter's safety course which meets every Wednesday night in the Makefield school. The course is conducted by John Bishop, 1892 Crescent boulevard, Yardley.

Course Applications

Mr. Bishop said any interested boy or girl may register for the course by filling out an application which may be obtained from him. Those who complete the course may become members of a rifle club which he serves as advisor.

The junior high canteen which started in the fall will continue on the following Saturday nights from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., March 16, March 30, April 13, April 27, May 11, May 23 and June 8.

Mrs. Joseph DiMinico is serving as chairman of chaperones for the canteen.

Planning Council

William Stringer, director of the canteen, said that each home room in the Charles Boehm Junior High school will elect a representative to serve on the planning council of the canteen. The planning council meets at the school each Saturday of the canteen at 3:30 p.m.

All activities sponsored by the recreation board are open to all residents of the area regardless of school attendance.

The board is currently working on the summer program for this year. Earl Murphy, Westover road, Morrisville, has been appointed director of the summer program.

Persons interested in assisting the programs volunteer workers and crafts, or ceramics may contact Mrs. Conrad Baldwin, Westover road, Morrisville.

Applicants for staff positions may secure applications from Mrs. Fred Koenig, Wrightsfield avenue, Yardley.

Two Truckers Pay For Heavy Loads

Morrisville police grabbed two overweight trucks in the borough yesterday.

George Coger, Rochelle Park, New Jersey paid \$400 and \$5 costs for driving a truck on Pennsylvania avenue judged to be 5000 pounds overweight. Officer Mahlon Cummings made the charge.

J. N. Tisza, 1206 William street, Trenton, driving for the Parkway Concrete company of Trenton paid \$120 and \$5 cost for driving an overweight truck. Officer Joseph Cavanaugh made the charge.

Morrisville HNS Slates Meeting

The Holy Name Society of Holy Trinity church, Morrisville, will hear a talk on auto safety and watch a film, "Knowing is Not Enough," at the group's meeting tonight.

Sidney Lynn, safety director of National Tube company, will speak to the church group at 8 p.m. in the rectory basement of the Holy Trinity church.

Final plans will be made for Sunday's Communion breakfast at the Union Fire house.

The breakfast is a joint affair with the Knights of Columbus. Leonard Ferry is chairman of the breakfast.

Yardley-Makefield Lions Set Plans On 25th Banquet

The Yardley-Makefield Lions club discussed final plans at a board meeting for the 25th anniversary banquet of the group in April.

The date of the affair hinges on the location available for the date, John Elder, club secretary said. Fred Hindley is chairman of the affair for the Lions.

Project Committee

Kappy Kaplow in charge of the project committee announced a sale of lamp bulbs will be held as soon as the bulbs arrive. The funds collected will go into the general project fund of the club.

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The club also announced it will aid blind persons in the area in co-operation with the Pennsylvania Association for the blind. Names of individual needy blind

CD Outlines Evacuation

At a meeting of the Morrisville Civil Defense unit last night, several misunderstandings about the county plan for evacuation were cleared up.

William Resch, publicity director for the Morrisville CD, said the local group examined the entire county plan for evacuation in any emergency.

Protection

The emphasis will be on individual protection and not evacuation, Mr. Resch said. This would consist of individual protection in the home during a sudden attack rather than evacuation.

Mr. Resch said evacuation is part of the overall plan of survival, not the single element involved.

Several members of the unit reported on the Haycock site for evacuation in Upper Bucks. Some considered this site undesirable because of poor roads and inadequate housing and water facilities.

A county representative explained other areas would be available in case the Haycock location is not acceptable.

Resignation

CD Director Edwin Price accepted the resignation of members of the committee for survival in order to appoint representatives from other communities who may assist in the area survival plan.

The group will also stress its public education plan, to make residents more aware of what to do in an emergency.

Another meeting is on tap for Wednesday night in CD headquarters, Borough Hall, Washington street.

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people will be given to the club for its action.

Chairman of Committee

The board of directors meeting was held in the home of Dan Nazzaro, Taylorsville road. Dr. Robert Murphy is chairman of the committee in charge of aid for the needy blind.

The club's next regular meeting is set for the Buck Hotel in Feasterville. It will be a joint meeting with the West Bucks Lions club.

L. Makefield GOP Opposes Hoffman Bid

The Republican Party committee chairman in Lower Makefield said today township supervisor Harry Hoffman will be opposed for nomination in the primary.

William Haney said no candidate has yet been selected, "but we are looking around for a suitable candidate."

"It's a guarantee that Hoffman will not run unopposed for the nomination," Haney said.

Filing Deadline

Final day for filing application to appear on the May primary ballot is March 18.

Hoffman has not yet signified any intention to seek reelection. Haney said all incumbents in the township excepting Hoffman and auditor Robert Stapler received party endorsement at a caucus last week.

He said Louis Parker, Jr., will receive the party endorsement for the auditor's position.

Parker was endorsed, Haney said, to give Lower Makefield's district south number three representation among the auditors.

Floor Nomination

Haney said the caucus was open to all Republicans and Hoffman received a nomination from the floor without receiving the committee endorsement.

Hoffman is the only township supervisor whose term expires this year. He holds the position of township secretary-treasurer.

Terms of the other supervisors Claude Johnson and Russell Carter, do not expire for three years.

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